

SOUTH RICHMOND

CHARGED WITH ROBBING STRAPE'S GROCERY STORE

Three Young White Men of Chesterfield County Sent On to Grand Jury.

SERVICES AT MEADE MEMORIAL

New Term of Hustings Court, Part II., to Open To-Morrow—Property Added to Tax Books by Reason of Grand Jury Activity.

G. E. Robins, Gordon Sias and Ralph Thelma, three young white men of Chesterfield County, were sent on to the grand jury by Magistrate Robertson yesterday morning on the charge of robbing J. P. Strape's grocery store, on the Petersburg Pike, just below the Hollwood. The men were held for arraignment at the next term of the Chesterfield Circuit Court.

The alleged robbers were arrested on the afternoon of November 10, by Officer A. T. Traylor, who was on duty at the time. They were taken to the station and held for arraignment at the next term of the Chesterfield Circuit Court.

Services at Meade Memorial. Parochial services, which will last two weeks, will begin to-day in Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. Rev. Thomas Semmes, the rector, will preach at both services to-day and each night at 8 o'clock except on Sunday.

To Appoint Police. Judge Robert G. Southall will appoint the Chesterfield Police, it was announced, on Wednesday. The matter was to have been settled last week, but was postponed because of the illness of the judge.

New Term of Court. Hustings Court, Part II., adjourned yesterday for the October term. Judge Southall will open the November term to-morrow morning, and will set a large docket of civil cases. The grand jury will examine several important cases.

Among them are George Blankenbiller, charged with an attempted murder assault against Miss Susie Williams, of Swansboro, his step-niece; R. A. Allen, charged with the murder of the Southern Railway, held for shooting Ambrose Byrd, colored, one of his workmen; and a charge against a man charged with being an accomplice of William Hobbs in the theft of a motor car belonging to Frank Wilmouth, of South Richmond.

Increases Taxable Property. Chesterfield County will have more than \$280,000 added to its taxable value, according to the report of the grand jury, which has been in session last week at Chesterfield Courthouse. This is an increase of property, especially on stocks, bonds and mortgages. A number of delinquents and tax dodgers were summoned before the jury.

Douglas-Wharton. GREENSBORO, November 14.—Miss Margaret Wharton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wharton, was married on Thursday to Martin F. Douglas, youngest son of Judge and Mrs. H. M. Douglas, the marriage being performed by the Rev. Mr. W. R. Dalton, of Redville.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW GIVES HIS VIEWS ON WAR

LONDON, November 14.—George Bernard Shaw gives his remarkable views of the present war in the supplement of this week's New Statesman, under the title, "Common Sense About the War."

While attacking the Prussians, he contends they are not the only people in Europe guilty of warlike passions in the years preceding the war. He adds:

"We have no more nonsense about the Prussian wolf and the British lamb, the Prussian Machiavelli and the English evangelist. We cannot shout for years that we are boys of the bulldog breed, then suddenly pose as gazelles when the war comes."

"When Europe and America come to settle a treaty that will end this business, for America is concerned as much as we are, they will not deal with us as lovable, innocent victims of treacherous and unprovoked aggression; they will have to consider how these two incorrigibly pugnacious and voraciously envious nations, who snarled at one another for forty years with hissing and grinning and snarling, and now with their teeth in one another's throats, are to be tamed into trusting watchdogs of the peace of the world."

"I am sorry to spoil the saintly image with a halo which brightly lingers in the memory of those who look in the glass, but it must be done if we are to behave reasonably in the immediate days of mourning."

Mr. Shaw regards the present war as a war on military coercion, domination, bullying, brute force, military law and caste intolerance.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Rain Sunday; Monday fair and colder. North Carolina—Rain Sunday; Monday fair and colder.

Local Temperature Yesterday. 12 noon temperature..... 59
3 P. M. temperature..... 60
8 P. M. temperature..... 54
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M. 43
Mean temperature..... 52
Normal temperature..... 54
Excess in temperature yesterday..... -2
Deficiency in temperature since..... 172
Accumulated deficiency in temper-
ature since January 1..... 101

Local Rainfall Yesterday. Rainfall last twenty-four hours. None
Deficiency in rainfall since March..... 11.51
Accumulated deficiency in rain-
fall since January 1..... 10.71

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday. Temperature, 59; humidity, 81; wind, direction, northeast; velocity, 11; weather, rain.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther.	H.	T.	L.	W.
Atlanta	60	60	54	44	Cloudy
Baltimore	51	51	42	32	Cloudy
Boston	51	51	42	32	Cloudy
Buffalo	36	46	34	24	Clear
Calgary	10	18	10	0	P. cloudy
Chicago	58	58	42	32	Clear
Denver	44	48	38	28	Cloudy
El Paso	54	54	42	32	Cloudy
Galveston	68	70	60	50	Clear
Hatteras	70	70	60	50	Rain
Indianapolis	54	54	42	32	Cloudy
Jacksonville	70	70	60	50	Clear
Kansas City	60	60	50	40	P. cloudy
Los Angeles	64	64	54	44	P. cloudy
Montgomery	64	64	54	44	Rain
New Orleans	66	66	56	46	P. cloudy
Philadelphia	54	54	44	34	P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	54	54	44	34	P. cloudy
Raleigh	58	58	48	38	Cloudy
St. Louis	64	64	54	44	Clear
St. Paul	54	54	44	34	Cloudy
Savannah	68	68	58	48	P. cloudy
Spokane	38	42	32	22	Clear
Tampa	70	70	60	50	Cloudy
Washington	54	54	44	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	24	26	20	10	Cloudy
Wytheville	48	48	38	28	Rain

PARDON IS GRANTED TO GEORGE M'ALEXANDER

Brother of Former State Senator Has Been in State Penitentiary Since 1905.

George M'Alexander, brother of former State Senator M'Alexander, was pardoned yesterday by Governor Henry C. Stuart. Since September, 1905, he had been in the Virginia Penitentiary, serving a term of eighteen years for the murder of Isaac Nolan, whom he killed in Franklin County in a personal difficulty, and while under the influence of liquor.

Prior to his arrest on the charge of murder, M'Alexander was a reputable citizen of Franklin County, a man of excellent character, and high standing in his community. The only plea his attorneys could submit when he was called to trial was that he was in a drunken frenzy and unaware of what he was doing when he killed Nolan.

Congressman E. W. Saunders was the trial judge. Judge Saunders, accompanied by Commonwealth Attorney H. N. Dillard and former Senator M'Alexander, called on Governor Stuart yesterday to plead for executive clemency for the prisoner. They pleaded long and earnestly. Governor Stuart said after granting the conditional pardon that in matters involving the exercise of his power in such cases he was influenced always by the material extent by the official voice of the Commonwealth, as represented by the officers whose connection with the case best fitted them to judge of the merits of an application for clemency.

This policy of the Governor throws the burden of responsibility on the judges and on prosecuting attorneys in such cases as the M'Alexander case, where a pardon is granted.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Series Announced for Stations Along Virginia Railway.

Arrangements were completed yesterday for the series of Farmers' Institute to be conducted by the State Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Virginia Railway Company along the route of that railroad in the first week of December.

The institutes are to be held at the following points on the dates given: Burdette, December 2, 9:30 A. M.; Jarratt, December 2, 10 A. M.; Albermarle, Decem-

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